



PARENT CONNECTION

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 academic year at Johnson & Wales University! In my role as dean of students and parent liaison, my goal every year is to strengthen our relationship so together we can enhance our student's experiences and ensure their success.



Ismare Monreal
Dean of Students &
Parent Liaison

I will be communicating with you through this newsletter and informing you of important dates, events for student advancement and involvement, as well as other information that will assist you in guiding your student through the academic year. Our next issue of *Parent Connection* will be shared in the spring.

In addition, anyone who has a question or concern they want to share can contact me at 305-892-7567 or ismare.monreal@jwu.edu.

I also want to encourage parents to get involved by writing articles for the *Parent Connection* newsletter. Everyone appreciates learning from others' experiences, especially helpful tips on how to address certain student situations or answering simple parental concerns.

Finally, while we are just beginning the 2010-2011 academic year, I encourage you and your student to start thinking about 2011-2012. The private scholarship season begins in the fall and runs through March. For information visit www.jwu.edu/scholarships or call 305-892-7006 to speak with a financial planning counselor in Student Financial Services.

We are all in this together and our goal is the same; we all want what is best for our students and we work tirelessly throughout their enrollment to ultimately see them walk across the stage on graduation day. My hope is that we collaborate to make this journey a pleasant and productive one.

Career success starts on Day 1

Today's college students partner with their parents to make their educational goals a reality. For many, that means working on or off campus to help them pay for their college related expenses. If your student is looking for a part-time job there are many options available to assist them in choosing a position that will work with their class schedules and gain valuable work experience.

If your student is interested in working, their first stop should be to Experiential Education & Career Services. There they can meet with a career advisor who can help them find a part-time or full-time position. Several networking events (including the Career Expo on Nov. 4) take place throughout the year, providing a venue for students to interact directly with employers who are hiring for internships, part-time and full-time positions.

Additionally, students should keep



Programs such as Nov. 4's career expo connect JWU students with employers throughout the year.

in mind that some internships provide an hourly wage or stipend in addition to academic credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their experiential education coordinator in Experiential Education & Ca-

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Navigating the college journey: tips from the Center for Academic Support

As a small campus, Johnson & Wales University's North Miami Campus is committed to excellence. In fact, our mission is to *"empower our diverse student body to succeed in today's dynamic world by integrating general education, professional skills and career-focused education."* We want to prepare your children to be successful in their chosen careers. As your children once took their first physical steps toward their independence, they are again taking steps toward their independence as they mature into educated young adults.

The mission of the Center for Academic Support (formerly Student Success) is to support students in their efforts to develop their talent and empower them to direct their own learning. We outreach to students by meeting with them during open houses and registration, visiting classes, asking faculty for referrals, and advising them if their grade point av-

erage drops below a 2.0. We also support them through our individual advising and tutoring efforts.

How can you help us help your child? There are several key areas in which you can assist your child.

Responsibility

"Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing: no one to blame."

— Erica Jong

While some individuals take responsibility for their actions, our culture is increasingly becoming a culture of blame. If something goes wrong, many of us have been conditioned to look for someone else to blame.

If something goes awry in a student's educational program, who is responsible? Taking responsibility for one's actions is a valuable

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Tips for preparing your child for long-term success

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lesson for many. While many of our students are successful, responsible young adults, some students would benefit from learning to take more responsibility for their actions. If your child has an issue, ask your child what he or she could have done differently to gain a better outcome.

Communication

“The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.”

— Lady Dorothy Nevill

Communication is key to your child’s success. One critical factor is your communication with your child. When talking with your child, ask yourself the following:

- Are you being supportive?
- Are you encouraging your child to take responsibility for his or her actions?
- Are you helping your child learn to communicate effectively with others?

As we embrace new forms of technology, roommates struggle to communicate and often resort to texting instead of talking to resolve issues. How can you help? Your child may very well have some concerns about his or her roommate. What should you do? Listen to your child’s concerns, and then make suggestions that will encourage your child to communicate with the roommate.

If that’s not successful, encourage your child to talk with a resident assistant or residential life coordinator. These staff members are trained in mediation and will help facilitate communication between the two students. It is

usually best to let your child take the first step in resolving the conflict and avoid solving it for him or her. If conflict arises, we want to help your child learn how to solve it through effective communication.

If you do become worried about your child, please know we are here to help. Students and parents can call the Center for Academic Support directly at 305-892-7026 for assistance.

Academics

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

— Malcolm X

If you have any concerns about your child’s academic progress, encourage your child to visit the Center for Academic Support where there are advisors, professional English tutors, and peer tutors who can provide assistance in every course that’s offered on our campus.

If your child prefers to work independently, but has struggled in writing, the <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/> website provides excellent support materials in basic grammar. Also, many of our faculty post copies of their notes in their public folders which every student can access online.

If you can’t convince your child to visit us in the Center for Academic Support, call us and one of our advisors will reach out to your child.

Time Management

“The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.”

— Vincent Lombardi

Time management is another area that many college students find challenging. Free from the confines of a high school sched-

ule, many students explore opportunities in a wide range of activities. As many students find themselves stretched thinly between the demands of class time, campus activities, sports, and work, they struggle to find time to study.

You can help by reminding them of the importance of balance and also the importance of putting adequate time into their studies. Time management strategies are available at websites such as <http://www.studygs.net/timman.htm>. If you think your child may be taking on too much, our advisors in the Center for Academic Support may be able to help them reach a compromise that will help them succeed. We are eager to assist!

Financial Planning

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”

— Thomas Edison

How do you help your child plan financially? You can help your child prepare by having an open discussion about your family’s financial plan for college.

Credit card companies are eager to serve college students, and unfortunately many students succumb to the trap of credit card debt. Prepare your child to “Just say no!” to credit card enticements; explain the pitfalls of credit card debt and the trap of high interest rates. Review the <http://www.bankrate.com> website, set up a plan of financial support, and discuss this plan repeatedly with your child. Work together.

The North Miami Campus has a variety of resources to help you and your child manage finances. First, Student Financial Services (305-892-7006) can provide information on how to prepare for the upcoming academic year (now is the right time to plan!). If you think your son or daughter can manage a job in addition to school, our Experiential Education & Career Services office (305-892-7029) can provide help with job leads, writing a résumé, and interview techniques. Additionally, our Student Employment department (305-892-7039) can help students find jobs when they are available on campus. We want to help!

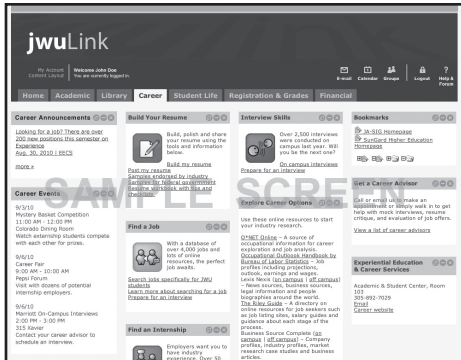
Help Us Help Your Child!

“The willingness to accept responsibility for one’s own life is the source from which self-respect springs.”

As parents, you can keep the lines of communication open by being supportive, consistent, and clear in your expectations. You can help us help your child. Contact the Center for Academic Support at 305-892-7026 if you have any concerns about your child.

North Miami Campus Directory	Main Phone Numbers 305-892-7000 or 1-866-598-3567	International Student Services 305-892-7554
	Academic Affairs/Vice President’s Office 305-892-5366	Library 305-892-7043
	Administration/President’s Office 305-892-7039	Residential Life 305-892-7071
	Athletics 305-892-7607	Safety & Security, Campus 305-892-7011
	Bookstore & more... 305-892-7064	Student Academic & Financial Services 305-892-7038 (SAS) 305-892-7006 (SFS)
	Center for Academic Support 305-892-7026 (formerly Student Success)	Student Activities 305-892-5363
	Experiential Education & Career Services 305-892-7029 (Career) 305-892-7619 (ExEd)	Student Conduct 305-892-7602
	Health Services 305-892-7594	Student Employment 305-892-7039
	Information Technology (Help Desk) 1-866-JWU-HELP	

jwuLink: your child's online portal to JWU



More than six years ago, Johnson & Wales University launched uconnect, providing students and faculty with the capability to conveniently and securely access information and to conduct their business on the Internet. In the past two years the JWU website underwent a comprehensive redesign to enhance content and navigation. Earlier this academic year the university moved one step further by implementing a web portal called jwuLink. This site, which can be accessed at <http://link.jwu.edu> is a single sign on, central gateway to many JWU tools and important areas of information.

Rather than browsing the JWU website and logging into individual accounts – such as uconnect and JWU e-mail – users are able to log in exclusively to jwuLink to access these applications as well as vital information. The portal is structured in tabs with static icon links located at the top of the screen where users can access e-mail and calendars. Each tab's page features quick, streamlined access to personalized information (based on such criteria as campus or role) and Web service menus previously accessed in uconnect. Tabs are organized into topics that include academics, career, library, student life, academic and financial.

The site features an enhanced Grad Planning System (GPS) on the Academic tab which replaces Degree Audit & Planner in uconnect.

"I really enjoy using jwuLink," said criminal justice junior Viesther Pena. "The site provides a lot of information in a convenient way and makes it so much easier to stay informed and meet university deadlines."

Plan now for a successful holidays

The holidays are fast approaching! Take a look at these short announcements so you and your child can prepare for the holidays at JWU.

and Thursday, Dec. 9. A full calendar of events will be shared in the winter term.

Thanksgiving

Resident students are welcome to stay on campus during Thanksgiving break. As with previous years, Residential Life will host a luncheon on Thanksgiving from noon to 1 p.m.

Winter Recess

The university's residence halls will close for winter recess. Halls will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 and will reopen at noon on Sunday, January 2, 2011. Additional details will be shared with residents in early December.

As a courtesy to students traveling during the holidays, shuttles to the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale airports and Amtrak and Greyhound stations will be provided on Friday, Dec. 17 at 6 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon. For reservations contact Campus Safety & Security at 305-892-7604.

World Celebrations

The North Miami Campus' International Community will present its annual World Celebrations holiday activities each day between Monday, Dec. 6

New buildings on horizon



Construction is nearly complete on Biscayne Commons residence hall, a 200 bed facility that is expected to open in January 2011. The Wildcat Student Life & Athletics Center will follow with a slated opening in fall 2011.

JWU opens a world of career opportunities

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reer Services several months before their internship term to establish a successful strategy for achieving a solid placement.

Eligible students may also participate in the Federal Work-Study program which is a need based, federally subsidized program that assists undergraduate students with part-time employment. For more information and eligibility requirements students should go to the Student Employment Office on the fifth floor of the Academic & Student Center (305-892-7039).

The university also maintains two helpful websites to help them continuously

plan for their careers:

- **Career Tools** helps students build a professional résumé one step at a time. Students can review their résumés with a career advisor at a Résumé workshop or in the Experiential Education & Career Services office (ASC 103). Students can log on to Career Tools at <http://careertools.jwu.edu>.
- **Experience.com** provides students with access to dozens of part- and full-time positions. Students can log on at <http://jwu.experience.com>.

For more information on Experiential Education & Career Services call 305-892-7029.

Mark Your Calendars

November 2010

- 12-18 Finals
- 18 End of fall term
- 19-29 Thanksgiving Break
(Residence halls remain open)
- 29-30 New student move-in
- 29 Term start & orientation
- 30 First day of class for winter term

December 2010

- 17 Holiday break - Residence Halls close at noon (re-open Jan. 2)
- 17 Registration opens for spring term
(For details visit www.jwu.edu/northmiami/studentlife, click "Academic Services" > "Course Registration," > "Registration Dates")

January 2011

- TBA Fall 2011 room deposit due
- TBA Fall 2011 online room selection opens
- 2 Return from holiday break (Residence halls re-open)
- 17 Holiday, no classes
- 23 Academic course withdrawal deadline for winter term

February 2011

- 4 Spring new student payment deadline
- 18-24 Finals

- 24 End of winter term
- 25-7 Spring break - Residence halls remain open

March 2011

- 1 Priority deadline to renew FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>).
- 6 New student residence hall move-in
- 7 Spring break ends
- 7 Term Start and Orientation
- 8 First day of class for spring term
- 18 Registration opens for summer term
(For details visit www.jwu.edu/northmiami/studentlife, click "Academic Services" > "Course Registration," > "Registration Dates")
- 30 Spring Career Expo

April 2011

- 15 Registration opens for fall term
(For details visit www.jwu.edu/northmiami/studentlife, click "Academic Services" > "Course Registration," > "Registration Dates")
- 17 Academic course withdrawal deadline
- 22 No classes
- 24 No classes

May 2011

- 6 Summer student payment deadline
- TBA Summer housing placements

- 13-19 Finals
- 19 Spring term ends
- 20 Residence halls close at noon
- 21 Commencement, 10 a.m.
(Details posted by February at www.jwu.edu/commencement/northmiami)
- 31 Residence halls open for summer students

June 2011

- 6 Summer session 1 begins
- 6 Summer co-op/internship begins
- 30 Summer session 1 ends

July 2011

- 4 Holiday, university closed
- 5 Summer session 2 begins
- 8 New student fall payment deadline
- 28 Summer session 2 ends

August 2011

- 5 Returning student fall payment deadline
- 20 Summer internship and online classes end

September 2011

- 6 2011-2012 academic year begins

This calendar is for planning purposes only and is subject to change.

ABOUT PAWS: Parent Ambassadors Working for Students (PAWS) is an initiative designed to engage North Miami Campus parents in the university experience. *Parent Connection* is published twice a year and mailed to each student's permanent address. To add your name to our e-mail distribution, e-mail paws.mia@jwu.edu with your name and your student's name and J# (if known). For more information on PAWS, visit the university's Web site at www.jwu.edu/northmiami/parents, call 305-892-7567 or e-mail paws.mia@jwu.edu.

Would you like to receive *Parent Connection* and other notifications via e-mail? E-mail your name, your student's name and your student's J# (if known) and to paws.mia@jwu.edu and we will add you to our mailing list.

TO THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF:

Plan for the 2011-2012 academic year!
File your FAFSA by March 1 and look for private scholarships during the scholarship season (now through March).
Details at www.jwu.edu/scholarships or call 305-892-7006.

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